135 W. 41st St.,
April 22, 1887.

My Dear May,

I am not sorry to learn from Howland that the reading before the Society of Friends has been deferred. There will now be more time for work with an audience, and for you to recover strength.

I think it would be well to add a sentence or two to the review at the point where I speak of the friendliness of Republicans to the Garrisonian movement. It may be something like this: "Many of the most enlightened and earnest Republicans, recognizing the great value of the Garrisonian movement as a moral stim-

ulants and a means of public enlightenment, ~~and~~ made constant and liberal contributions for its support, and would have felt their duty, even to the party, but inadequately performed if they had not done so. Joshua R. Giddings not only helped us in this way, but made a point of carrying our lectures, wherever he could, do so, from place to place in his Congressional district, and cheering them in their work. The Republicans who were unfriendly to the Abolitionists were not those whose anti-slavery convictions were deepest, but mostly those of the half-baked and least reliable sort. Moreover, Massachusetts was an overwhelming Republican State because among other reasons, it was so thoroughly abolitionized by the Garrisonian movement; while Connecticut was close

there
because that movement had been
comparatively weak, being confined
mainly to the County of Windham,
long the home of the Bensons, and
the Burleighs, and Samuel J. May.
I think an examination would
show that the Republican ma-
jority in Connecticut was al-
most never larger than the ma-
jority in that single County, where
the Garrisonians did so much
good work."

If you can find a place
where this passage will fit, and
if you approve of it, I author-
ize you to add it. It strikes
me as effective.

Howland seems to think
we must make no publication
of the reviews before it appears
in the Proceedings of the Society.
He thinks no paper would print

so long an article without pay.
But the Boston Herald gave
me $25 for my review of Dr
Poet, and I think this review
the more racy and attractive
of the two. But if to print
it in a newspaper first will
exclude it from the records,
it will be a question which
course it is best to take. The
pecuniary consideration, so f
as I am concerned, need n
weigh.

Yours, as ever,

Oliver Johnson.

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